



National Board for Professional Teaching Standards MO Network Affiliate

December 1, 2009

State Farm Insurance has provided a grant to the NBPTS Missouri Network Affiliate. One of the purposes of this grant is to partially offset the cost for advanced candidates for National Board Certification. Between December 1 and January 10, 2009, the Network will be awarding a limited number of partial scholarships of \$300 each to candidates in Missouri who did not certify in November and who meet the criteria and who plan to continue as advanced candidates in 2010. These candidates must have been initial candidates (first year candidates) in the 2008-09 cycle. Candidates may take as many portfolio entries or assessment center exercises as retakes as they wish, but this scholarship offer is for only one per candidate. ***If awarded a partial scholarship, the candidate will be responsible for paying the \$50 balance for the \$350 fee for retaking one entry.***

The criteria for awarding these scholarships are:

- First preference will be given to candidates whose total scores are 260 or above.
- Candidates with total scores below 260 may be considered for partial scholarships if there are sufficient funds.

To apply candidates must submit an application form, a copy of their score report, and a copy of their completed NBPTS application to be an advanced candidate. The Network Affiliate will act as "Third party payer" and send the \$300 directly to NBPTS.

Candidates who receive a partial scholarship but fail to submit their entry in April, 2010, will be required to repay the \$300 to the Missouri Affiliate.

Because these partial scholarships are very limited and the demand for them will be great, we encourage you to explore opportunities for financial assistance in your District before submitting an application.

Scholarship recipients will be notified via email between January 17-20, 2010.

Please see attached application.